



March 4, 2011
[Contact]
[Company Name]
[Company Address]

Dear [Contact],

**URGENT: SUN GARDEN TEA RECALL OF PEPPERMINT TEA AND PEPPERMINT TEA
BLENDS DUE TO SALMONELLA**

RE: Organic Peppermint, Lot No. AB-10-831OPL C/S

On February 28, 2011 Sun Garden Tea received a notification from our organic peppermint vendor that lot number *AB-10-831OPL C/S* had tested positive for Salmonella by a 3rd party laboratory. Review of our records showed that we had received a shipment of lot number *AB-10-831OPL C/S* on a December 8, 2010 delivery. **Material from the December 8, 2010 delivery had been in production and in use by Sun Garden Tea since December 15, 2010.**

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstance, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

On the evening of March 1, 2011, Sun Garden received an official recall letter from our vendor notifying us of their issuance of a Mandatory Reportable Food Report to the US FDA.

To date, Sun Garden Tea is unaware of any reports of illness in connection with the affected peppermint lots. However, we are recalling this material out of an abundance of caution.

Our records indicate that you have been shipped the following materials containing the affected organic peppermint lots:

Date	Sales Order #	Invoice #	Item #	Description	Lot #	lbs

Please examine your stocks immediately to determine if you have any of the above listed items on hand. If so, please discontinue distributing these materials and destroy immediately.

If you have further distributed any of the above listed items and lots, please immediately contact your accounts, advise them of the recall situation, and have them return their outstanding recalled stocks to you. Destroy these materials as stated above.

All materials will be replaced to you at no charge.

Please return the enclosed information sheet immediately providing the requested information.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the US Food and Drug Administration. If you have any questions, please contact us at (626) 202-0326.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Victor Jara
Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs